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Strategic Response Bureau Arrests another Fugitive of the Week

Serial thief apprehended after being profiled by City Attorney's office last month

Columbus, Ohio—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Debra Shaw, who was featured in a program that targets individuals with outstanding arrest warrants, has been apprehended. Shaw, 48, and her daughter Brandi, 27, were profiled on May 10th as the City Attorney's "Fugitives of the Week" for having open warrants on five counts of theft between the two of them. The Columbus Police Division's Strategic Response Bureau (SRB) arrested Shaw yesterday.

"I can't offer enough praise for the Strategic Response Bureau," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "The success of our outstanding warrant program would not be possible without their determination and dedication to fighting crime."

The Shaws' latest alleged crime spree appeared to target Walmart, as four out of five of their open cases involve stealing from Walmart stores in November and December of last year. Debra Shaw also was charged with stealing merchandise from a Worthington CVS on March 28, 2011. Along with several theft-related arrests, her past record contains a host of other charges, including telephone harassment, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, felony drug possession/abuse, tampering with evidence, and child endangerment.

"Ms. Shaw may have avoided using bar codes when she allegedly stole merchandise from area stores, but she can no longer avoid sitting behind bars thanks to SRB," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the "Fugitive of the Week" initiative on Pfeiffer's behalf.

The "Fugitive of the Week" is typically announced on the City Attorney's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> accounts. Prosecutors then work with SRB in tracking down the subjects of the City Attorney's weekly profiles.

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